

# Bookshelf

## *New Good Research*

[Gangs in Garden City](#): How Immigration, Segregation, and Youth Violence are Changing America's Suburbs, Sarah Garland

Through poignant stories about young men and women from South America, Ms. Garland traces the growth and violence of MS 13 on the east coast.

“The center researchers cautioned that many of the new cliques sprouting up in far-flung cities and suburbs were copycats and that, “in most instances, there is little, if any, real connection between local groups with the same name other than the name itself.” According to the center, the gangs were generally “homegrown,” and the “factors which contribute to the emergence of gang activity in a community are not necessarily the same as those which contribute to its persistence.” In other words, the gangs might have originated in Los Angeles and Central America, but they flourished in places like Fairfax and Nassau County because of specific local conditions there that facilitated the alienation and anger that gave rise to gangs.”

[Policing Gangs in America](#), Charles Katz and Vincent Webb

This is an interesting historical record of how Police departments have evolved over the past 30 years in dealing with the gang problem in several cities. It’s historical perspective is very helpful in understanding also some of the policy challenges Communities have had as well.

“This book is concerned with advancing our understanding of how police gang units respond to community gang problems. To date, little research has examined the realities and experiences of those working day-to-day within a police gang unit. The research reported in this book describes assumptions, issues, problems, and events that have characterized, shaped, and defined the police response to the gang problem.”

## *Resources for your library*

[Gangs and Delinquency in Developmental Perspective](#), Terrance Thornberry, Marvin Krohn, Alan Lizotte, Carolyn Smith, Kimberly Tobin

[Learning to Survive, Black Youth Look for Education and Hope](#), Atron Gentry, Carolyn Peelle.

[Literacy and Advocacy in Adolescent Family, Gang, School, and Juvenile Court Communities: Crip 4 Life](#) by Debra Smith and Kathryn F. Whitmore

[Murder Is No Accident: Understanding and Preventing Youth Violence in America](#) by Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Howard R. Spivak